

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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Docket No. ACR2016

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO  
QUESTION 1 OF CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 26

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the above-listed question of Chairman's Information Request No. 26, issued on March 8, 2017. Each question is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. The Responses to CHIR No. 23, question 2 is reproduced in the table below. There appear to be anomalies with the information provided. For example, the information provided in columns titled "b. Percentage of mail entered at Full-Service IMb prices and included in measurement" and "c. Percentage of mail processed as Full-Service IMb, but excluded from measurement" do not sum to 100% similar to the corresponding information provided for FY 2015. Please explain these apparent anomalies or file a corrected response.

Product	a. Percentage of Mail in Measurement	b. Percentage of mail entered at Full-Service IMb prices and included in measurement	c. Percentage of mail processed as Full-Service IMb, but excluded from measurement
First-Class Mail			
Presort Letters/Postcards	62.5	62.5	29.8
Flats	54.1	54.1	27.6
Standard Mail			
High Density and Saturation Letters	68.8	68.8	Not Available
High Density and Saturation Flats/Parcels	36.6	6.4	Not Available
Carrier Route	69.6	69.6	Not Available
Letters	69.1	69.1	Not Available
Flats	59.0	59.0	Not Available
EDDM-Retail	63.2	63.2	N/A
Parcels	44.5	44.5	Not Available
Total Standard Mail	63.8	63.8	23.3
Periodicals			
In-County	7.4	7.4	Not Available
Outside County	57.0	57.0	Not Available
Total Periodicals	52.4	52.4	31.9
Package Services			
Bound Printed Matters Flats	11.4	11.4	56.5
N/A = Not Applicable			
Not Available = The Postal Service does not have this information available.			

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**RESPONSE:**

The data provided in Column b of the originally-filed response to Question 2 of ChIR No. 23 represented the total of all mail that was both Full-Service and included in measurement, divided by the total of all mail. Column c represented the total of all mail that was Full-Service mail and excluded from measurement, divided by all Full-Service mail.

Another equally reasonable interpretation of the request would have been to make the denominators of both Column b and Column c the same. That could have been achieved using one of two approaches: either by making the denominator in both columns the total of all mail, or by making the denominator in both columns total Full-Service Mail.

Under the first approach (where the denominator in both columns is the total of all mail), the responses to ChIR No. 23, Question 2, **Column b**, would remain the same as when originally filed, and each of the new responses for Column c could be calculated simply by subtracting 100 minus the corresponding figures in Column b.

Under the second approach (where the denominator in both columns is total Full-Service Mail), Column b would become the total of all mail that was both Full-Service and included in measurement, divided by total Full-Service Mail. Using that second approach, which was the one also applied earlier in presenting the FY 2015 information, the responses provided for ChIR No. 23, Question 2, **Column c**, would remain the

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same as when they were originally filed, and each of the new responses for Column b could be calculated simply by subtracting 100 minus the corresponding figures in Column c. Using that second approach, the data for FY 2016 would appear in the full table as follows:

Product	a. Percentage of Mail in Measurement	b. Percentage of mail entered at Full-Service IMb prices and included in measurement	c. Percentage of mail processed as Full-Service IMb, but excluded from measurement
First-Class Mail			
Presort Letters/Postcards	62.5	70.2	29.8
Flats	54.1	72.4	27.6
Standard Mail			
High Density and Saturation Letters	68.8	Not Available	Not Available
High Density and Saturation Flats/Parcels	36.6	Not Available	Not Available
Carrier Route	69.6	Not Available	Not Available
Letters	69.1	Not Available	Not Available
Flats	59.0	Not Available	Not Available
EDDM-Retail	63.2	N/A	N/A
Parcels	44.5	Not Available	Not Available
Total Standard Mail	63.8	76.7	23.3
Periodicals			
In-County	7.4	Not Available	Not Available
Outside County	57.0	Not Available	Not Available
Total Periodicals	52.4	68.1	31.9
Package Services			
Bound Printed Matters Flats	11.4	43.5	56.5
N/A = Not Applicable			
Not Available = The Postal Service does not have this information available.			